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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Part B for Feb 48

SUBJECT

Appointment of a Commissioner and a Refugee Liaison Officer to deal with Matters relating to Refugees

Final Note by the Minister for Home.

Subject.— Appointment of a Commissioner and of a Refugee Liaison Officer to deal with questions relating to Refugees.

With the gracious approval of His Highness, an offer was made to the Government of India to accommodate five thousand non-Muslim refugees from the Punjab and other areas and to provide employment for them for about two years in channel excavation work near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir. Arrangements are in hand for the establishment of the Camp, and it is hoped to receive the first batch of 100 families of Refugees at the Camp by the 1st January 1948.

Meanwhile, there are other kinds of refugees and evacuees to be handled such as those from Sind, the North-West Frontier Province and Hyderabad (Deccan) numbering at present between 1500 to 2000 persons and staying largely in Bangalore City including the Civil Station. Their influx is continuing and has given rise to many economic and administrative problems, requiring continuous vigilance, careful examination and constant action. There is also the question of collecting funds for their relief and of launching a campaign for the collection of warm clothing and blankets for Refugees.

It is necessary that, in a matter of this kind, Government should have the benefit of advice from an influential non-official committee which would advise Government on the various measures required to deal with the Refugee problem, to bring under one single central organisation the several voluntary bodies that already exist in the State doing relief work for Refugees and to co-ordinate official and non-official effort.

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wholetime senior officer of Government who may be in administrative charge of all matters relating to Refugees in the State and to assist the Committee as Secretary, and another officer at the site of the Refugee Camp to work in liaison with the Special Officer, Lakkavalli Reservoir and be responsible for the organising and proper working of the Refugee Camp there under the direction and guidance of the above officer.

Details regarding the various kinds of Refugees, the several arrangements required for affording relief to them, the constitution of the "Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee" and the appointment of a Commissioner in charge of Refugees and a Special Liaison Officer at the Lakkavalli Refugee Camp are fully set forth in the draft Government Order put up herewith.

The subject was considered at a meeting of the Council held on the 3rd December 1947, when the following resolution was recorded:

"The proposals in the draft Order and the list of Committee members including the Chairman are approved.

"Mr. T. Rangaswami may be appointed Commissioner in charge of Refugees and Secretary of the Committee. Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa will be Assistant Secretary.

Mr. M.D. Shivananjappa is appointed Special Liaison Officer at Lakkavalli Refugee Camp"

I solicit the gracious approval of His Highness to the resolution of the Council.

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Home Minister.

Bangalore,
December 6, 1947.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the Minister for Home on the subject of the appointment of a Commissioner and of a Refugee Liaison Officer to deal with questions relating to Refugees, for the gracious approval of His Highness.

A Ramaswami Mudaliar

Bangalore,
7th December 1947.

D E W A N.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Appointment of a Commissioner and of a Refugee Liaison Officer to deal with questions relating to Refugees.

Order.

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SUBJECT:—

Appointment of a Commissioner and of a Refugee Liaison Officer to deal with questions relating to Refugees.

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Ur Ramanathan
Chief Secretary to Government.
19/12

Through the Secretary to Government,

C.B. .....Department.

Submitted
Since orders have already been issued appointing Mr. R. P. Ramanathan Commissioner of Refugees, instead of Mr. V. Rangaswami as proposed in this file, a D. F. M. is put up for approval.
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Chief Secy)
20-12-47. Home Min'r)
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Chief Minister (On leave)
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Minister for Education 18/12
11.0/12-12-48 Minister for City Municipalities and Muzrai 18/12/48

Approved (Please see me)
Secretary to Government,
Department
(with compliments)
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Submitted

As Mr Ramanathaiya has since been posted Deputy Commissioner ~~Hadiya~~ Chickmagalur the papers may be filed, if approved.

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Subject.- Appointment of Mr. K.P. Ramanathaiya, Deputy Commissioner, as Commissioner of Refugees.

With reference to my Final Note dated 6th December 1947 on the above subject which has been received back with His Highness's gracious approval, I beg to submit that, in view of the urgency, orders were issued on the 15th December 1947 constituting the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee and appointing Mr. K.P. Ramanathaiya, Deputy Commissioner doing duty as Additional District Magistrate, Bangalore, as Commissioner of Refugees and Ex-Officio Secretary to the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee. This was necessitated by the fact that with the winding up of the Court of the Additional District Magistrate, Bahgalore, Mr. K.P. Ramanathaiya was available for being posted to a suitable charge, which was not foreseen at the time the proposal to appoint Mr. T. Rangaswami as Commissioner of Refugees was considered by Council. At the same time, it was considered desirable to continue Mr. T. Rangaswami as Special Officer for Rural Development, as his health does not seem to permit him to take up the work relating to Refugees which is bound to be strenuous.

Accordingly orders were passed with the concurrence of the Dewan appointing Mr. K.P. Ramanathaiya as Commissioner of Refugees in place of Mr. T. Rangaswami

who was originally proposed

I solicit the gracious approval of His Highness to the action taken in the matter.

Home Minister.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Seventh *Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Bangalore on* 3rd & 4th December *194*7

SUBJECT:-

Appointment of a Commissioner and of a Refugee Liaison Officer, to deal with questions relating to Refugees.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

The proposals in the draft order and the list of Committee members including the Chairman are approved.

Mr. T. Rangaswami may be appointed Commissioner in charge of Refugees and Secretary of the Committee. Mrs. Krishnappa will be Assistant Secretary.

Mr. D. Shivananjappa is appointed Special Liaison Officer at Lakkavalli Refugee Camp.

(Sd) A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR

Dewan of Mysore.

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"EXTRACT"

Chief Secretary to Government.

Signed final Dist mp. AHM

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

Dated Bangalore, the Decr. 1947.

Questions relating to refugees and evacuees from Pakistan have been engaging the attention of Government for some time past. More than two months ago, in response to the appeal made by the Government of India, Government offered to absorb in the State five thousand Non-Muslim refugees from the Punjab and other areas and to provide employment for them for about two years in channel excavation work, which, although not due to be taken up this year, would be sanctioned, as a special case. Government have in hand a scheme to accommodate these refugees in camps near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir in the north-western part of the State and to employ them for a period of about two years in channel excavation work. Government are still in correspondence with the Government of India in the matter, and it is hoped that, if a measure of assistance asked for from the Central Govt. in connection with the erection and maintenance of the camp is forthcoming immediately, the other arrangements could be worked out and completed well in time to receive the first batch of 100

In a Press Communique issued on the 24th

November 1947, Government have appealed for the co-operation of all voluntary organizations in the State for launching a State-wide campaign for the collection of cash contributions, warm clothing and blankets for the benefit of refugees. The response to the appeal has been most gratifying. There are many organizations such as - The Mysore State Women's Conference, the Punjab Hindu-Sikh Relief Fund, Bangalore, the Scindhi Association, the Jain Association, the Rotary Club, Bangalore and others who are already doing most valuable work, collecting funds by arranging for meetings and benefit performances and by other means, getting ready quilts and blankets, and distributing knitting wool for making warm garments for refugee children. There have also been many generous offers of help from individuals - notably from certain philanthropic gentlemen of Chickmagalur District who have signified their intention to afford relief to refugee families. The Punjab Hindu-Sikh Relief Fund, Bangalore, have also submitted a scheme for settling some ten thousand refugee families in the State partly in industrial colonies in the suburbs of Bangalore, Mysore, Bhadravati, Hassan and other towns, where selected refugees could be helped to organize with their resources, talent or experience small-scale industries for producing cutlery, sports goods, scientific instruments, hospital equipment etc. and partly in cottage industries and in canal irrigation work in specially allotted areas in the Mysore, Mandya and Shimoga Districts.

Government wish to place on record their high appreciation of the practical sympathy and enthusiasm shown by these and other individuals and organisations in the State in affording succour and finding employment for the refugees to the extent possible It is obvious, however that, in order to obtain maximum results, it is of the first importance to bring the various individuals and organizations engaged in this work under a single central organization which would canalise all available resources and efforts into a regular, well-thought-out and comprehensive system of relief and rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, there has been an influx of refugees and evacuees into the State from across India. While their exact number cannot be ascertained until a system of refugee registration is introduced, there is evidence to show that between 1500 to 2000 persons consisting of families from Sind, the Punjab, the North-west Frontier Province and Hyderabad (Deccan) have arrived in Bangalore City, including the Civil Station. This influx is continuing. The effects of this influx on an already overcrowded City and ultimately on the economy of the State may be far-reaching and have to be carefully examined. It is clear therefore that the time has come for a planned approach to the refugee problem and that it is necessary to draw up a scheme for a balanced distribution of refugees to areas which can easily absorb them, without much dislocation of existing conditions.

The refugee problem is both complex and many-sided. The refugees comprise various classes of people with widely differing financial resources and their relief cannot be effected on any uniform pattern. Much small classification and planning will be necessary. Barring people accustomed to heavy manual labour whom it is perhaps easy to absorb in labour units - as has been contemplated above - there are likely to be a large number of people from urban areas whose absorption even for a temporary period would raise difficult economic problems. It would be necessary to take a rapid census or, as has been suggested, make a rapid sample enquiry regarding the different types of refugees and of the several classes of employment in which they can be suitably and profitably settled and thus to obtain some primary data on which future plans can be based. Administratively, the problem is one of evolving an efficient machinery for organizing refugee camps, of affording immediate relief, of finding some temporary occupation of one to three years' duration and of co-ordinating official and non-official effort. Financially it is one of ascertaining the extent of relief - short range and long range - to be given, of working out the financial cost involved and of finding the ways and means to meet the cost.

It is needless to stress that a task of this complexity and magnitude requiring the goodwill and co-operation of voluntary workers and organizations at every stage cannot be undertaken by Government unaided. Government feel that they should have the benefit of the advice and guidance of an influential

committee representing the various interests concerned and are accordingly pleased to appoint the following committee to be known as "The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee"

Chairman: Dharmaprakasa L.S. Venkaji Rao.

Members:

Messrs. -

1. S. L. Mannaji Rao.
2. Dharmaprakasa Devarao Shivaram.
3. Dr. A . M. Patel.
4. S.V. Sreenivasa Setti.
5. K. R. Madhava Rao.
6. S. Channiah.
7. T. C. Basappa (Tarikere)
8. H. S. Rudrappa (Shimoga)
9. V. S. Krishna Aiyar.
10. Kapur.
11. D. H. Koly.
12. Chinganmal (Jain Association)
13. Ramanarayan Chellaram (Sindhi Association)
14. Mrs. E. V. Ganapathi Iyer.
15. Hosali. (Rotary Club)
16. O. Gopalan, Bangalore.
17. Sri Kamaladevi, M.L.C.
18. Channappiah Wodeyar, Chitaldrug.
19. K. Henjarappa, M.L.C.
20. Thimmappa Gowda, R.A. Member
21. A. G. Bandegowda.
22. K. Pattabhiraman.
23. Mrs. Natarajan
24. H. L. Nanjaraja Urs.
25. Khanmall
26. Mrs. A. S. R. Chari.
27. Seth Purushotham Singh & Bajaj.

Secretary.

Mr. T. Rangaswami

Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa

Treasurer: Manager, Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

The Committee will have power to add to its number and to appoint sub-committees to deal with particular problems as they arise.

Government hope that the Committee will meet immediately and consider the various measures required to deal with the refugee problem so far as it pertains to the State.

The functions of the Committee will be as follows:-

(1) To advise Government on the desirability or otherwise of registering evacuees and refugees entering the State and conducting a sample enquiry.

2) To submit a workable plan of relief to refugees and evacuees of various kinds.

3) To suggest measures necessary for registration of claims of property left or lost in Pakistan by refugees.

(4) To co-operate with Government in running proposed refugee camp near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, or other Refugee camps which may be opened.

sioners local relief committees and collection

(6) To organize collections for the Refugees Relief Fund by meetings, entertainments and other means.

(7) To assist in the making and despatch of gifts in kind.

(8) To enlist volunteers and workers.

~~(9) To arrange for publicity.~~

~~(10)~~ Generally to advise Government on all matters which may be referred to them regarding the relief and rehabilitation of refugees.

Government propose to appoint a wholetime officer to be in charge of the arrangements required in connection with the accommodation and relief of refugees, including the running of the refugee camp at the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, and to

assist the Refugee Relief Committee as ex-officio Secretary to the Committee. Orders will issue separately regarding the officer posted for this work.

All Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Heads of Departments and other Government Officers concerned are requested to render assistance and afford facilities to the Committee in carrying out their work.

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6/12/47

Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Heads of Departments.
" Deputy Commissioners of Districts
" Secretaries to Government.
PRESS TABLE.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The Government of India are at present engaged in affording relief to refugees who have migrated to India from the Punjab and other areas and have appealed to every Province and State to make its due contribution in dealing with this urgent problem. The Government of Mysore are most anxious to do everything in their power to assist the Government of India, and have no doubt that the people of Mysore with their great traditions will respond most generously to this appeal and offer their wholehearted co-operation.

Winter has already started in the Punjab and the indications are that it will be most severe. It is, therefore, essential that a countrywide effort should be made at once to collect warm garments and blankets of all description.

In this humanitarian task, the Government request the co-operation of all voluntary organizations in the State and will welcome the launching of a State-wide campaign for the collection of cash contributions, gifts in kind, warm clothing and blankets and other materials for the benefit of refugees. It is understood that several voluntary organizations are already taking interest in the matter. It is requested that information regarding the efforts made by such organizations may be furnished to Government so that the Government of India may be informed of the same. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts will be very glad to afford assistance to voluntary organizations and individuals who are prepared to offer their services in this behalf in forming local relief committees and in organizing local collection depots.

For the purpose of receiving cash contributions towards the relief of refugees, Government have issued instructions for the opening of a new head of account at all Government Treasuries and the Bank of Mysore, Ltd., and its branches. Intending donors are requested to remit their contributions under the head of account "W. Deposits, Other Deposits, 'Refugee Fund'." to the nearest Government Treasury, the Bank of Mysore, Ltd., or one of its branches, under intimation to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, by means of a letter giving particulars of the challan number, the date and the amount of remittance.

Upon receipt of information through the Deputy Commissioner concerned as to the quantities and description of materials collected, despatch instructions will be issued by Government separately.

BANGALORE,
24th November 1947.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 3796/C.B.148-47-2. *Dated Bangalore,* 15th Decr., 19 47

NOTIFICATION

Mr K.P.Ramanathaiya, M.A., Deputy Commissioner doing duty as Additional District Magistrate, Bangalore, is appointed Commissioner of Refugees and Ex-Officio Secretary to The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee To join forthwith

By Order,

Sd/- V.Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.

Memo No.3797 Dated 15th December 1947.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Comptroller to Government with the intimation that Mr. K. P. Ramanathaiya is appointed Commissioner of Refugees xxx against the appointment sanctioned in the Government Order No.3725-85/C.B. 148-47-1 dated 15th December 1947

Sd/- V.Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No.3798-9/C.B. Dated 15th December 1947

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compliments, to 1)The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore Bangalore and
(2) Mr.K.P.Ramanathaiya

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 3805/C.B.148-46-4. *Dated Bangalore,* 15th Decr.. 47.

NOTIFICATION

Mr.M.D.Shivananjappa, B.Sc.. LL.B.. Assistant Commissioner. now working on the Sub-Committee, Bhadra (Lakkavalli) Reservoir Project, is appointed Special Liaison Officer for the Refugee Relief Camp at the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir. (To join forthwith).

By Order,

Sd/- V.Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication

Memo No.3806/C.B. Dated 15th December 1947.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Comptroller to Government through Financial Secretariat, with the intimation that Mr.M.D.Shivananjappa is posted as Special Liaison Officer in connection with the accommodation and relief of Refugees sanctioned in Government Order No.3723-83/C.B. 148-47-1 dated 15th December 1947.

Sd/- V.Vedavyasacharya.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No.3807-10/C.B. Dated 15th December 1947.

Copies of the above are forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in Mysore, Bangalore.
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Commissioner of Refugees and Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.

Chief Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

3800/C.S/48-47-3 *Dated Bangalore,* 15th December 1947.

NOTIFICATION.

Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa, B.A., L.T., Organizing Secretary, Red Cross Society, is appointed Assistant Secretary, to "The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee".

Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G.O. No. 3723-83—C.B. 148-47-1, dated Bangalore, the 15th December 19

The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Passes orders constituting the-

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Chairman.

Dharmaprakasa L. S. Venkaji Rao.

Members.

1. Mr. S. L. Mannaji Rao.
2. *Dharmaprakasa* Devarao Shivaram.
3. Dr. A. M. Patel.
4. Mr. S. V. Sreenivasa Setti.
5. Mr. K. R. Madhava Rao.
6. Mr. S. Chenniah.
7. Mr. T. C. Basappa.
8. Mr. H. S. Rudrappa.
9. Mr. V. S. Krishna Aiyar.
10. Mr. H. Kapur.
11. Mr. D. H. Kohly.
12. Seth Mutha Chhaganmal.
13. Mr. Ramanarayan Chellaram.
14. Mrs. E. V. Ganapathi Iyer.
15. Mr. D. N. Hosali.
16. Mr. O. Gopalan.
17. Sri. Kamaladevi.
18. Mr. Channappiah Wodeyar.
19. Mr. K. Henjarappa.
20. Mr. G. Thimmappa Gowda.
21. Mr. A. G. Bandigowda.
22. Mr. K. Pattabhiraman.
23. Mrs. Natarajan.
24. Mr. M. L. Nanjaraja Urs.
25. Mr. Khanmall Munilal.
26. Mrs. A. S. R. Chari.
27. Seth Purushotham Sing L. Bajaj.

Secretary.

Mr. K. P. Ramanathaiya.

Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa

Treasurer.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Reddy.
Manager, Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

The Committee will have power to appoint sub-committees to deal with particular branches of work.

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The functions of the Committee will be as follows :—

(1) To advise Government on the desirability or otherwise of registering evacuees and refugees entering the State and conducting a sample enquiry.

(2) To submit a workable plan of relief to refugees and evacuees of various kinds.

(3) To suggest measures necessary for registration of claims of property left or lost in Pakistan by refugees.

(4) To co-operate with Government in running the proposed refugee camp near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, or other refugee camps which may be opened.

(5) To organize with the aid of Deputy Commissioners, local relief committees and collection depots.

(6) To organize collections for the Refugee Relief fund by meetings, entertainments and other means.

(7) To assist in the making and despatch of gifts in kind.

(8) To enlist volunteers and workers.

(9) Generally to advise Government on all matters which may be referred to them regarding the relief and rehabilitation of refugees.

Government propose to appoint a whole-time officer to be in-charge of the arrangements required in connection with the accommodation and relief of refugees, including the running of the refugee camp at the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, and to assist the Refugee Relief Committee as *Ex-officio* Secretary to the Committee. Orders will issue separately regarding the officer posted for this work.

All Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Heads of Departments and other Government Officers concerned are requested to render assistance and afford facilities to the Committee in carrying out their work.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA,

Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Secretaries to Government.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette.*
PRESS TABLE.

G.O. No.3723-83/C.B.148-47-1, dated 15th December 1947, constituting the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Chief Ministers minutes on ~~xxx~~ p.u.d.

1) "Copy of this has to be sent to India Government, Delhi, fo their information. (Refugee Department)

2) "It may be appropriate if at the first meeting of the " Committee one of the Ministers attends and makes an opening " Speech. The Minister for Home may be consulted as also the " Chairman of the Committee.

3) A draft letter to the Government of India, Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, and Ministry of States, is put up for approval.

4) After the issue of the letters to the Government of India, the file will be submitted for orders regarding the first meeting of the Committee referred to above, vide para 2.

) Chief Secy)

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Issued No. 4065/C.B. dy. 29.12.47

To the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of States.

No. 4066/C.B. dy 29.12.47

To the Secretary to the Govt of India Relief and Rehabilitation, New Delhi

Forwards a copy of the G.O. Constituting the Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Refugee Relief Committee

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Submitted

With reference to paragraph 2 overleaf, as the first meeting of the Committee has already been held and the Chief Minister was present no further action appears to be necessary. If approved, the papers will be filed.

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Copy of this has to be sent to Govt. Delhi & Govt. Information, Refugee Department
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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G.O. No. 3723-83—C.B. 148-47-1, dated Bangalore, the 15th December 1947.

"The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee.

Passes orders constituting the

may be appropriate for the first meeting of the Committee the Ministers and makers an opening speech, the Minister of Home may be invited as also Chairman of the Committee
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Questions relating to refugees and evacuees from Pakistan have been engaging the attention of Government for some time past. More than two months ago, in response to the appeal made by the Government of India, Government offered to absorb in the State, five thousand Non-Muslim refugees from the Punjab and other areas and to provide employment for them for about two years in channel excavation work, which, although not due to be taken up this year, would be sanctioned, as a special case. Government have in hand a scheme to accommodate these refugees in camps near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir in the north-western part of the State and to employ them for a period of about two years in channel excavation work. Government are still in correspondence with the Government of India in the matter, and it is hoped that, if a measure of assistance asked for from the Central Government in connection with the erection and maintenance of the camp is forthcoming immediately, the other arrangements could be worked out and completed well in time to receive the first batch of 100 families of refugees at the camp by the 1st January 1948.

In a Press Communique issued on the 24th November 1947, Government have appealed for the co-operation of all voluntary organizations in the State for launching a State-wide campaign for the collection of cash contributions, warm clothing and blankets for the benefit of refugees. The response to the appeal has been most gratifying. There are many organizations such as—The Mysore State Women's Conference, the Punjab Hindu-Sikh Relief Fund, Bangalore, the Scindhi Association, the Jain Association, the Rotary Club, Bangalore and others who are already doing most valuable work, collecting funds by arranging for meetings and benefit performances and by other means, getting ready quilts and blankets, and distributing knitting wool for making warm garments for refugee children. There have also been many generous offers of help from individuals—notably from certain philanthropic gentlemen of Chickmagalur District who have signified their intention to afford relief to refugee families. The Punjab Hindu-Sikh Relief Fund, Bangalore, have also submitted a scheme for settling some ten thousand refugee families in the State partly in industrial colonies in the suburbs of Bangalore, Mysore, Bhadravati, Hassan and other towns, where selected refugees could be helped to organize with their resources, talent or experience small-scale industries for producing cutlery, sports goods, scientific instruments, hospital equipment, etc., and partly in cottage industries and in canal irrigation work in specially allotted areas in the Mysore, Mandya and Shimoga Districts

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Government wish to place on record their high appreciation of the practical sympathy and enthusiasm shown by these and other individuals and organisations in the State—in affording succour and finding employment for the refugees to the extent possible. It is obvious, however, that, in order to obtain maximum results, it is of the first importance to bring the various individuals and organizations engaged in this work under a single central organization which would canalise all available resources and efforts into a regular, well-thought-out and comprehensive system of relief and rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, there has been an influx of refugees and evacuees into the State from Northern India. While their exact number cannot be ascertained until a system of refugee registration is introduced, there is evidence to show that between 1,500 to 2,000 persons consisting of families from Sind, the Punjab, the North-West Frontier Province and Hyderabad (Deccan) have arrived in Bangalore City, including the Civil Station. This influx is continuing. The effects of this influx on an already overcrowded City and ultimately on the economy of the State may

be far-reaching and have to be carefully examined. It is clear, therefore, that the time has come for a planned approach to the refugee problem and that it is necessary to draw up a scheme for a balanced distribution of refugees to areas which can easily absorb them, without much dislocation of existing conditions.

The refugee problem is both complex and many-sided. The refugees comprise various classes of people with widely differing financial resources and their relief cannot be effected on any uniform pattern. Much classification and planning will be necessary. Barring people accustomed to heavy manual labour whom it is perhaps easy to absorb in labour units—as has been contemplated above—there are likely to be a large number of people from urban areas whose absorption even for a temporary period would raise difficult economic problems. It would be necessary to take a rapid census or, as has been suggested, make a rapid sample enquiry regarding the different types of refugees and of the several classes of employment in which they can be suitably and profitably settled and thus to obtain some primary data on which future plans can be based. Administratively, the problem is one of evolving an efficient machinery for organizing refugee camps, of affording immediate relief, of finding some temporary occupation of one to three years' duration and of co-ordinating official and non-official effort. Financially, it is one of ascertaining the extent of relief—short range and long range—to be given, of working out the financial cost involved and of finding the ways and means to meet the cost.

It is needless to stress that a task of this complexity and magnitude requiring the goodwill and co-operation of voluntary workers and organizations at every stage cannot be undertaken by Government unaided. Government feel that they should have the benefit of the advice and guidance of an influential committee representing the various interests concerned and are accordingly pleased to appoint the following committee to be known as "The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee."

Chairman.

Dharmaprakasa L. S. Venkaji Rao.

Members.

1. Mr. S. L. Mannaji Rao.
2. *Dharmaprakasa* Devarao Shivaram.
3. Dr. A. M. Patel.
4. Mr. S. V. Sreenivasa Setti.
5. Mr. K. R. Madhava Rao.
6. Mr. S. Chenniah.
7. Mr. T. C. Basappa.
8. Mr. H. S. Rudrappa.
9. Mr. V. S. Krishna Aiyar.
10. Mr. H. Kapur.
11. Mr. D. H. Kohly.
12. Seth Mutha Chhaganmal.
13. Mr. Ramanarayan Chellaram.
14. Mrs. E. V. Ganapathi Iyer.
15. Mr. D. N. Hosali.
16. Mr. O. Gopalan.
17. Sri. Kamaladevi.
18. Mr. Channappiah Wodeyar.
19. Mr. K. Henjarappa.
20. Mr. G. Thimmappa Gowda.
21. Mr. A. G. Bandigowda.
22. Mr. K. Pattabhiraman.
23. Mrs. Natarajan.
24. Mr. M. L. Nanjaraja Urs.
25. Mr. Khanmall Munilal.
26. Mrs. A. S. R. Chari.
27. Seth Purushotham Sing L. Bajaj.

Secretary.

Mr. K. P. Ramanathaiya.

Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa.

Treasurer.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Reddy.
Manager, Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

The Committee will have power to appoint sub-committees to deal with particular branches of work.

Government hope that the Committee will meet immediately and consider the various measures required to deal with the refugee problem so far as it pertains to the State.

The functions of the Committee will be as follows :—

(1) To advise Government on the desirability or otherwise of registering evacuees and refugees entering the State and conducting a sample enquiry.

(2) To submit a workable plan of relief to refugees and evacuees of various kinds.

(3) To suggest measures necessary for registration of claims of property left or lost in Pakistan by refugees.

(4) To co-operate with Government in running the proposed refugee camp near the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, or other refugee camps which may be opened.

(5) To organize with the aid of Deputy Commissioners, local relief committees and collection depots.

(6) To organize collections for the Refugee Relief fund by meetings, entertainments and other means.

(7) To assist in the making and despatch of gifts in kind.

(8) To enlist volunteers and workers.

(9) Generally to advise Government on all matters which may be referred to them regarding the relief and rehabilitation of refugees

Government propose to appoint a whole-time officer to be in-charge of the arrangements required in connection with the accommodation and relief of refugees, including the running of the refugee camp at the site of the Lakkavalli Reservoir, and to assist the Refugee Relief Committee as *Ex-officio* Secretary to the Committee. Orders will issue separately regarding the officer posted for this work.

All Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Heads of Departments and other Government Officers concerned are requested to render assistance and afford facilities to the Committee in carrying out their work.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA,

Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Secretaries to Government.
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